fire arms without a license, yet, the course adopted by the Deputy Commissioner of Kadur was preferable, and frequently observed in other parts of the Province also.

Dewan's reply.—The Arms Act and the Rules thereunder are under revision. Provision will, if possible, be made therein to allow a license when once granted holding good till it is cancelled or withdrawn subject to the payment of the prescribed annual fee by the holder. Some such system will be considered especially in the Malnad tracts, where the people want fire arms for protection against wild animals.

Subject No. 35.

Repair of tanks in the Malnad.

Summary of discussion.—Irrigation works are being largely executed in Maidan Taluks. Similar works are not executed to the tanks in the Malnad. The Malnad parts have no large tanks. What they have are tanks yielding a revenue of Rs. 50 to 100. The rule is that the raiyats themselves should repair tanks yielding less than Rs. 300. If the rains fail and if the irrigation cess is levied, though no works are executed by Government, it will tell hard upon the raiyats and it is therefore requested that works costing more than Rs. 50 may be ordered to be executed by Government.

Note.—D. P. W. Circular No. 24, dated 2nd March 1888, lays down that stone and masonry works will be carried by Government to tanks yielding revenue up to Rs. 300, the earthwork of which is being brought up to standard by the raiyats.

Dewan's reply.—The subject is under consideration. Irrigation works in the Malnad will always receive as much consideration as those in the Maidan, though from the nature of the case the former will always cost much less than the latter.

Subject No. 36.

Transfer of certain villages to the Yedahalli Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—When the late Lakvalli Taluk was abolished, the villages of Nelgadde out of Danivas Magani and Bhairapura out of Kodnad Magani were transferred to the Shimoga Taluk and 4 other villages, (*viz.*, Hyrandur, Tadasa, Hoskoppa, Kabbila) in the Kodnad Magani were transferred to the Tarikere Taluk. These 6 villages are situated within a radius of 4 to 8 miles from the Head-Quarters of the Yedahalli Sub-Taluk, while they are within a distance of 16 or 18 miles from the Head-Quarters of the Taluks to which they were transferred. Raiyats who have business to transact find the present arrangement very inconvenient. The villages should therefore be re-transferred to the Yedahalli Sub-Taluk.

The Dewan.—Do the inhabitants of these villages concerned desire this change?